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Thanks

.. To those parents who transported and supervised our ten pin bowling and Tech Quest teams this week.

.. To the Rickeys (From Comrie park Kindergarten) for donating a geodome to the kindy. This has been deeply appreciated.

People of the Week

.. Our ten pin bowling teams. A second place this year - well done!

.. Angus who represents NZ in BMX racing at the Vector Arena 24-28 July .. see poster later in the newsletter. An awesome achievement Angus.

.. Asher for "Best tackler" JB1 Kamo White.

.. Nathaniel for being recognised as 'Player of the Day' recently.

.. Eli for extraordinary diligence in preparing for a forthcoming archery championship .. a great work ethic Eli!

And our consideration stars ..

.. Emma, Dayna and Brianna who consistently offer to put away the PMP equipment while waiting for the bus teacher .. a great example of CONSIDERATION girls!

.. Alex and Caitlin and Brianna who, of their own volition, picked rubbish up from the roadside on their way home last week.

A shining example of our CONSIDERATION virtue. Well done girls!

.. Amy for extreme CONSIDERATION to another person .. see the end of the newsletter.

Term Calendar

28 June Learner Portfolios sent home

8 July School Science Fair (Prize Giving 6:30 PM 9.7)

8 / 9 July Parent / teacher interviews

12 July Final day of term 2

We will advise other dates as these come to hand.

20 Hour Famine

A special thank you to those children who participated in last weekend's famine and to parents and sponsors for supporting them. Parents are asked to support with the collection of sponsor contributions. **Please note that the deadline for all sponsor money is 24 June please.** Please note that all children who received sponsor booklets, including those who did not actually take part, are expected to return their sponsor booklets to school.

Current Virtue - CONSIDERATION

Please continue your work at come on the CONSIDERATION virtue.

Please take some time to ..

... revisit this virtue with your child

... talk about how you practice consideration in your life

... set some goals you and they can work on.

.. **advise us of shining examples for publication in the newsletter**

Te Horo Taniwha Cross Country Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who represented our school and placed well:

Age	Name	Placing	Age	Name	Placing
7	Ben	1	7	Connan	2
7	Eve	2	7	Nicole	4
7	Jessica	5	8	Brianna	7
8	Thomas	1	8	Bradley	2
8	Ethan	4	8	Trent	5
8	Jynaia	1	8	Misha	4
8	Taylor	5	8	Tahi-Ora	9
9	Joseph	2	9	Charlie	3
9	Tama	5	9	Michael	8
9	Toby	10	9	Brooke	1
9	Emma	2	9	Grace	3
9	Olivia	7	10	Jack	2
10	Olly	3	10	Marcus	4
10	Campbell	5	10	Tyrone	6
10	Sarah	2	10	Tylar	7
11	Brendan	1	11	Max	2
11	Angus	3	11	James	6
11	Natasha	1	11	Michelle	2
12	Jared	1	12	Andrew	3
12	Reuben	5	12	Drae	8
12	Kayla	1	12	Ruby	2

International Schools English Exams

Initial practice papers were issued to children last week (along with an answer booklet), with a request that children do at least one practice paper per week in the run up to the exam (31.8).

So .. please help ensure a suitable time and place, assist with marking and timing as necessary, compare past answer sheets to monitor progress and contact us early if we can assist with any problems. *If your child has not yet got into their practice routine please make this a matter of priority.*

Children in the After School Labs receive more in-depth guidance .. if your child is struggling at any time, and they are not in these labs, you might like to consider registering them (Monday 3:30-4:30 English Labs / Thursday 3:30-4:30 Maths Labs). There is no cost to parents for these labs.

International Schools Maths Exams

Practice papers of the maths exam will be available from 24 June.

Safer Journeys .. staying safe near roads and railways

Over coming weeks we will be sharing various facets of road safety with children. We feel the best way to do this is ..

.. a little at a time .. with revision of earlier points as the programme unfolds

.. with the same material being discussed by parents at home.

So .. please discuss the following with your children next week (we will do the same at school). It is also highly important to do the practice exercises with them

THIS WEEK .. DRIVEWAYS .. discuss ..

.. check inside the vehicle to see if there is a driver

.. if there is a driver stop a couple of metres away and see if the car is moving

.. look and listen for signs

.. walk around the vehicle on the house side (or roadside if this isn't possible)

.. if unsure go to the kerbside and find a safe place to cross using the kerb drill (see next week's newsletter)



You may need to personalise these guidelines to your child's circumstance. A guide book was sent home for parents last week (check your child's schoolbag). Please put this in a safe place and use as we tackle the content sub-topic at a time. THANKS!

PARENTS .. Please Reduce Speed when passing Schools

You may recall that a 40kph speed zone will soon be in place around our school ... so let's get in the practice now and reduce our speed when passing the school and kindy.

Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - NOW 29.6

As advised this event has been postponed to Friday 29 June .. all other arrangements and details unchanged. Please note that parents of participating children are responsible for transport to and from the venue for their child .. and supervision of their child at the venue. If you have arranged to delegate these responsibilities to another parent please advise the school. Any questions please to Mr D.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fee

Parents of year 7 and 8 children who have not paid this fee will have received a bill. Please pay this as soon as possible. Any questions contact Helen please.

National Education Monitoring project - Year 4 Students

Parents of year 4 students are advised that our students, along with year 4 students from many other schools throughout NZ, have been selected to participate in a series of exercises to develop impressions of attainment levels nationwide. Parents will receive an explanatory letter by mail next week. If you do not wish your child involved you can advise the school or the NEMP team directly using the contact information in your letter. Identities of children are kept confidential. Assessments will be undertaken during the week 14-16 August.

Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action Research

Any questions about topics / experiments to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please on sdelemare@matarau.school.nz
Please make contact early if you sense your child is encountering difficulty or is falling behind. Parents are encouraged to check your child's on-line calendar for updates.

Hockey Fees

Please get these fees to Helen in the office as soon as possible so we can pay the respective associations.

Police vetting of camp parents

If you would like to comment on this matter please do so in writing by 28 June. Please address your submission to The Chairperson, Board of Trustees. All feedback will be carefully considered by the board before any decision is made. Any questions to Kevin please.

Fun Football

If interested in growing your child's confidence and skill ... in helping them to form friendships ... in developing their fundamental movement skills ... and in making physical activity something they enjoy ... you might be interested in the Fun football Programme. This programme operates every term for 8 week blocks out of the Kamo High School gym on Mondays. Tots (4-6 yrs) play for 40 minutes (from 3:45) and stars (yrs 7-8) play for 50 minutes (from 4:45). You can register online at www.nff.org.nz or contact Christine at christine.taylor@nff.org.nz

Final Word

Last week we promised to share some concrete things that we believe parents can do to make the internet a safer place for their children .. and sometimes other people's children. We strongly encourage all of our parents to implement these practices in their homes.

- .. know when, where and how your child uses their email and internet accounts
- .. insist on knowing your child's passwords so you can monitor their internet usage
- .. take a special interest in social network sites. Most of these have an age restriction and we suggest you enforce these.
- .. if you have decided to allow your child to use Facebook ensure you have access to their Facebook page. Monitor usage closely and don't be afraid to "shut it down" if you feel uneasy about their involvement.
- .. be aware of the restrictions that can be placed on ipads, ipods, tablets etc

(At some future point Mr D and key staff intend offering a workshop for parents who may feel a bit overwhelmed by the whole technology thing)

And last of all .. last weekend Amy (year 4) sacrificed her own placing in a Motocross race to help another student back on to his bike .. this is an outstanding example of CONSIDERATION Amy because you put someone else's needs ahead of your own. You are our STAR this week. I hope as many people as possible (parents included) give you the thumbs up next week in acknowledgement of this act. Your parents must be very proud of you.

And again ... please get behind our road safety initiative and discuss the relevant weekly material with your child(ren)

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support them



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wanted - Assistant wanted over calving period. Could lead to more work - relief milking and general farm work. Ph Dave 021731223 or 4335069.

Wanted to Rent - 3-4 bdrm, garage, Matarau/Ruatangata area. Call Jason 021435315

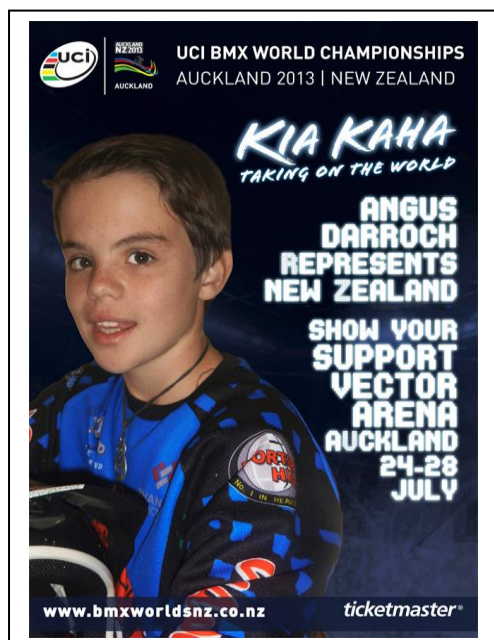
Hockey School Holiday Programme - 9.00am -12.00 noon daily Mon 15th July -Thur 18th July, Whangarei ITM Hockey Centre, Park Ave, Kensington, Yrs 3-8, \$30 per day. Pre-registration is essential. Register on 4373830 or any questions to Bevin Gibbs - rdm@northlandhockey.org.nz

Whangarei Radio Controlled Car Club would like you to join us at Mitre 10 Mega from 9am for a sausage sizzle, on Sunday the 30th of June. We will be joined by Shannon Ryan and her camera crew, we also will have a bouncy castle up, as well with our usual races we will be having Mini, Stock, Formula 1, Drifting, Muscle Car and of course our Shannon Ryan Race.

Any female can join in the "Shannon Ryan race" (we will find a car for you to use) and you can go for it. So come along and join the fun! For more info contact Sue or John Woffindin at 4337214

Ruatangata Playcentre - small, rural and friendly centre with huge outside area. Our children love seeing new faces to play with so come and have a look. Tuesday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. 1190 Pipiwai Rd. Ph: 433 5171

2013 Funsticks Fun Sticks is the HNZ Active Post Small Sticks program which includes basic movement and hockey specific activities for players who are in year 1 & 2, Whangarei ITM Hockey Centre 9.00am - 10.00am Saturdays 18th May - 14th September; Gold Coin Donation / per session Sticks; mouth guard & shinpads; HN does provide some sticks if needed. For more info contact Bevan Gibbs, Hockey Northland, 09 437 3830 or 0274 771 754.



Mid Winter Pamper Evening - 29th June @ 6pm.

www.momentsintimeevents.co.nz Take a look on my news page for details. Tickets can be booked by email, mandy@momentsintimeevents.co.nz or catch me at school for tickets. I look forward to seeing you there. We all deserve to be pampered!!

Marsden Bay Holiday Camp - July 14th - 19th, Activities include motorbikes, buggies, water slide, flying fox, pancake making, beach activities and much more. For more info contact Sheena Lamason on 094447456/0272133225 or info@marsdenbay.com

Angus is ranked 11th in New Zealand
for BMX riding.